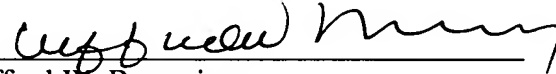


REMARKS

This request for continued examination is being filed because the Applicant has recently received five references that were cited in a parallel proceeding in Europe, which are now being presented in this case by means of a Supplement Information Disclosure Statement. Applicant views these references as not being pertinent to the claims in the present application, and believes they should not call into question the Examiner's decision to allow the pending claims of the application in the Office Action mailed March 24, 2008.

Therefore, by reason of the foregoing amendments to the Specification and presentation of a new Abstract, which have corrected all of the formal objections raised in the Office Action mailed March 24, 2008, and upon consideration of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement being filed herewith, Applicant respectfully requests re-allowance of claims 1-21 over all the prior art of record, including the new references being filed herewith.

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